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Telegram
TO: Pres. Jean Bedel Bokassa

FROM: The President

SUBJECT: Attempted Assassination on Pres.
Bokassa's life



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE



Subject: Attempted Assassination on the Central
Republic's (CAR) President, Jean-Bedel
Bokassa

On February 3, three African assailants attempted to assassinate CAR's President, Jean-Bedel Bokassa, as he was about to board his aircraft in Bangui, CAR's capitol. Bokassa was unharmed in the assault.

Attached is a suggested telegraphic message of good will from President Ford to Bokassa, in which the President expresses relief that Bokassa successfully escaped the attempt. President Ford also sends his personal good wishes, and those of the American people, for Bokassa's continued safety and well-being.

Bokassa dispatched a similar good will message to President Ford, following the September 22 attempt on the President's life, and in view of the importance we attach to our relations with the CAR, one of our most consistent supporters in Africa, we recommend White House approval of the suggested message.

C. Arthur Borg
for George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Suggested Presidential message

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PMS PRESIDENT GERALD FORD, DLR

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

DEEPLY SHOCKED BY THE ATROCIOUS CRIME OF THE ASSASSINATION OF
US AMBASSADOR TO CYPRUS ROGER DAVIS. I WISH TO CONVEY TO YOU
AND YOUR GOVERNMENT THE EXPRESSION OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND
SINCEREST CONDOLENCES. IN CONDEMNING THIS CRIME I SHARE IN THE
GRIEF OF HIS FAMILY AND THE US GOVERNMENT OVER THE LOSS OF SUCH
A FINE MAN

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HIS EXCELLENCY MR GERALD FORD

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WASHINGTON

ON THE OCCASION OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF YOUR AMBASSADOR IN

THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS MR RODGER DAVIES, I EXTEND TO YOU MY

SINCERE SYMPATHIES.

JOSIP BROZ TITO



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1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO NO. 10 ASAP FROM THE
PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN: *James*

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER
I WAS SHOCKED TO LEARN OF THE DEATH OF AMBASSADOR EWART-
BIGGS AND MISS COOK AND OF THE INJURY OF MR. CUBBON AND THE
PARTY'S DRIVER MR. O'DRISCOLL IN WHAT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN
A DIRECT TERRORIST ATTACK. I KNOW YOU SHARE MY SENSE OF
INDIGNATION AT THESE SENSELESS ATTACKS ON DEDICATED PUBLIC
SERVANTS AND ALSO MY DETERMINATION TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE
TO AVERT SUCH TRAGIC INCIDENTS IN THE FUTURE. PLEASE
EXTEND MY DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO THE EWART-BIGGS AND COOK
FAMILIES.

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GERALD R. FORD
END TEXT.

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WISH TO RELEASE. ROBINSON



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April 2, 1975

May 20, 1975 3-13

Dear Dave:

Recalling our earlier conversation about the lecture my son attended at the University of Virginia on the Kennedy assassination, I am sending you clippings he made from the local papers covering this meeting.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

John O. Marsh, Jr.
Counsellor to the President

Mr. David W. Belin
Executive Director
Commission on CIA Activities
Within the United States
712 Jackson Place, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

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Richmond Times-Dispatch, Thurs., Mar. 20, 1975 B-13



Reasonable Doubt' Seen at Oswald Shot Kennedy

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sion what he claims is an
authentic copy of the Abraham
Zapruder film of the
assassination. Groden refuses
to say how he got the film or to
give any personal background
other than that he has been in-
vestigating the assassination
for nine years.

A university audience es-
timated at more than 600 listen-
ed as Groden narrated the film
that purportedly illustrates
how Kennedy was fired on at
least three times.

Findings Queried

Contrary to findings by the
Warren Commission, which
was charged with the investiga-
tion of the former president's
death 11 years ago, the film
suggests that Kennedy receiv-
ed at least one wound in the left
temple. The force of the blow
apparently wrenched the presi-
dent back and to the left, in-
dicating that the shot was fired
from the front and to the right.

The Warren Commission's
findings said the president
received wounds from shots
fired from behind him and that
a bullet that hit the president
also struck then Gov. John B.
Connally of Texas, who was
riding in the car with Kennedy.
Groden claims that would have
been impossible.

By enlarging several frames
of the Zapruder film and other
film footage, Groden shows the
location and "forms" of at least
two assassins, who were far
from Oswald's supposed
location.

The outlines of the figures are
vague, but suggest the form of a
man ready to fire a telescope-
equipped rifle, he said.

Groden's lecture was only the
second before a public college
audience. He delivered a
similar talk Tuesday night at
the College of William and
Mary and has plans for other
college speaking engagements
and national television ap-
pearances.



Leaders To View Zapruder Film

By JANET COLDSMITH

In an effort to prompt the U.S. House of Representatives to reopen the Kennedy assassination investigation, University Union members have persuaded Congressman Robert W. Daniels (R-4th District) to show the Zapruder film to the Virginia Congressional delegation and other Congressional members April 15.

Their action came as a result of a plea by photography expert Robert Groden made during his presentation of the film last Wednesday, according to first-year student Susan Smith, who contacted Rep. Daniels.

The Zapruder film, according to Mr. Groden, disproved the Warren Commission decision that the late President John F. Kennedy was killed by one assassin from the rear.

The House is currently considering a resolution to reopen the investigation of the Kennedy assassination. No corresponding resolution exists in the Senate, however.

"Congressman Daniels would like to see the film, although he has not committed himself one way or the other on the resolution," according to Miss Smith.

Mr. Groden will show the film to the Congressmen, along with some slides he showed here, according to Union Speakers Committee Co-chairman Andy Purdy.

"We feel that if the investigation will not be reopened now, after the film Mr. Groden showed, it will never be reopened," Mr. Purdy explained.

"We (the union) are considering presenting Mr. Groden again, because many people were turned away from the film, including former University President Edgar F. Shannon, Jr., a member of the Rockefeller Commission," Mr. Purdy said.



Kennedy

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In his opinion, the conspiracy group that covered-up the assassination is slowly losing ground.

"As the armor of the conspiracy began to crack, some of the principals have been killed along the way, have left the country, or whatever. So it's not intact."

Mr. Groden said that the first thing he did after his investigation was complete, was to take his information to the Rockefeller Commission investigating CIA activities. He added, however, that only a few of the commission members and part of their staff had seen the film.

Mr. Groden said he does not plan to stop, and is expected to make television appearances with his information to get more publicity. He said that he plans a news conference in Dallas and will release more information at that time.

Whatever the outcome of Mr. Groden's campaign, one blatant fact is too powerful to overlook: that the Warren Commission misreported information when it stated that Mr. Kennedy was shot only from the rear.

"From the evidence," Mr. Groden emphasized, "you can see there was a cover-up."





CD/Jeff Galston

Robert Groden Presents His Story Of The Assassination

Kennedy Assassination

Groden Charges Conspiracy

By SCOTT WEISENBERGER

In the first of two scheduled appearances yesterday, a New York photographic expert, Robert Groden, told a Law School audience he believes late Pres. John F. Kennedy was the victim of not one, but a group of assassins.

Mr. Groden, who showed film of the 1963 assassination, said the slowed-down version of the film refutes the Warren Commission report, which came out in favor of the single-assassin theory.

The films, shot by two cameramen, show two rifle-bearing men near the presidential motorcade, according to Mr. Groden.

The Warren Commission report said Mr. Oswald shot the President from behind from a window perch in a nearby book depository.

"No blood can be seen on the back of his [Mr. Kennedy's] collar," Mr. Groden said, adding the film shows the fatal bullet hit the President in the front of his head.

One of the men whose film was shown

claimed he heard the shot from over his right shoulder, Mr. Groden said. That amateur photographer was positioned on the street next to the motorcade, he added.

At least four shots were fired, Mr. Groden maintained, and four persons were involved in the shooting.

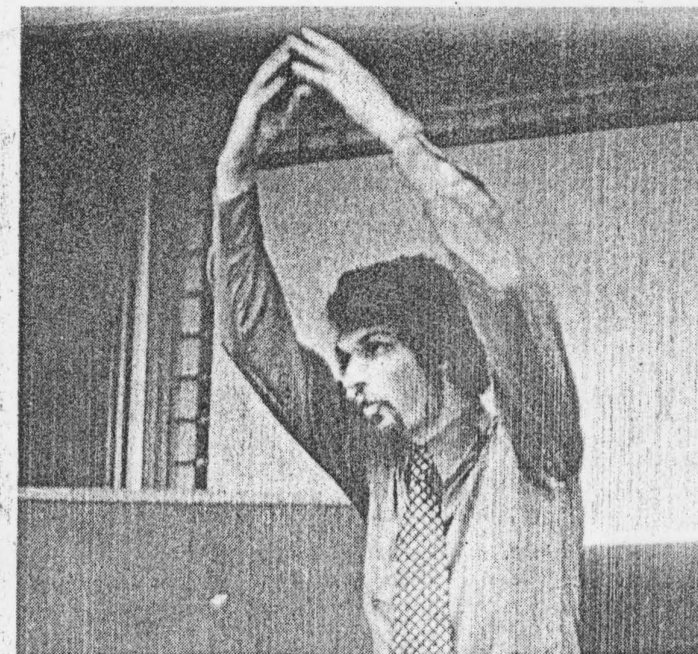
"From the evidence, it can be seen that there was a cover-up," Mr. Groden asserted.

The physician who performed an autopsy on the late President's body, who later testified before the Warren Commission, said he burned the autopsy report the evening of the killing, according to Mr. Groden.

Mr. Oswald, shot and killed by Dallas nightclub owner Jack Ruby shortly after the assassination, was "a patsy and was set up in advance," Mr. Groden claimed.

Mr. Oswald, according to the photographic expert, had been working for both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency.





CD/Jeff Galston

Photographer Robert Groden Links The Deaths Of Robert Kennedy, Hale Boggs And Dorothy Kilgallon With The Domestic Conspiracy

'There Was A Cover-Up'

By DEBBIE GALANT
and SCOTT WEISENBERGER

"Do you know where you were when the (Kennedy) assassination occurred?"

"I was in school. I was in third grade."

"Everybody, every adult and most kids remember where they were during the assassination, except Richard Nixon. Richard Nixon was in Dallas. He left Dallas just an hour before the president's

Further, Mr. Groden alluded to several key figures who could have had cover-up evidence, and who also met untimely and mysterious deaths.

For example, columnist Dorothy Kilgallon had had an exclusive interview with Oswald assassin Jack Ruby who had claimed to Warren Commission members Earl Warren and Gerald R. Ford that the assassination "was a conspiracy."

the 1968 California primary, he would publicize his knowledge of the cover-up. Robert was killed at the primary. Mr. Groden said, however, that there was a still more resounding link.

"A man named Eugene Hale Brady was on parole from Los Angeles and was definitely in Dallas at the time of the assassination," he explained. He was a member of Richard Nixon's country club. And he was also

Commission did not use them as evidence? Mr. Groden reasons that the bullets would indicate another assassin besides Mr. Oswald, thereby destroying the commission's "one man-one rifle" theory.

He holds further that the National Archives keeps copies of the same Zapruder film that he has shown, and that his has not been changed in any way from original

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"Everybody, every adult and most kids remember where they were during the assassination, except Richard Nixon. Richard Nixon was in Dallas. He left Dallas just an hour before the president's plane landed. Yet he lied to the Warren Commission—a flat out lie. He committed perjury and said that he left Dallas two days sooner. That's one connection."—from an interview with Robert Groden, holder of the "Zapruder film."

The Zapruder film of the Kennedy assassination, released to the public last month, is only five and one half seconds long. But what it contains may undo what its current holder, New York photo expert Robert Groden, calls twelve years of the biggest lie to have ever hit the American people.

Possible Ramifications

And while the Zapruder film only spans one Dallas street, its possible ramifications—that the Warren Commission's report, that Lee Harvey Oswald singlehandedly killed John F. Kennedy, was a coverup—may extend nationwide.

What the film shows, simply, are two things: that the assassinated president was shot from the front as well as the back, and that a man with a rifle and sight, who stood between a tree and Zapruder was facing the president's oncoming car.

In a three and one half hour presentation last night, Mr. Groden showed and told more: including the fact that in four years 19 key witnesses to the Kennedy assassination died, over a trillion to one odds—and that today over 100 witnesses have died or been killed—"blowing it right off the statistics chart."

For example, columnist Dorothy Kilgallon had had an exclusive interview with Oswald assassin Jack Ruby who had claimed to Warren Commission members Earl Warren and Gerald R. Ford that the assassination "was a conspiracy."

When Miss Kilgallon returned to New York after speaking to Mr. Ruby, she reportedly told associates: "I think I can blow this whole thing open in a couple of days."

Mr. Groden explained that she died a few days later, and although the press reported suicide from an overdose, he claims that an autopsy was never performed.

Hale Boggs, who served on the Warren Commission and later disclaimed the commission's report as not all factual, was reported missing five years ago. For Mr. Groden, another link.

Perhaps the most amazing allusion he makes is in linking the deaths of the Kennedy brothers, Robert and John.

Mr. Groden claims that Robert had informed his associates via written communication that after

more resounding link.

"A man named Eugene Hale Brady was on parole from Los Angeles and was definitely in Dallas at the time of the assassination," he explained. He was a member of Richard Nixon's country club. And he was also spotted in the hotel room where Robert Kennedy was shot."

Mr. Groden unquestionably advocates that more than one assassin was involved, contrary to the Warren Commission's claim, and that the force behind the assassination came from "unquestionable domestic" sources. He added that if he had to choose where that force might be generated, he would primarily name the Central Intelligence Agency.

National Archives

He said that the National Archives has on classified file, one bullet found near the site of Mr. Kennedy's shooting. Fragments from other bullets were also found in that same area.

In addition, he questions why, if the bullets were fired from Mr. Oswald's rifle, the Warren

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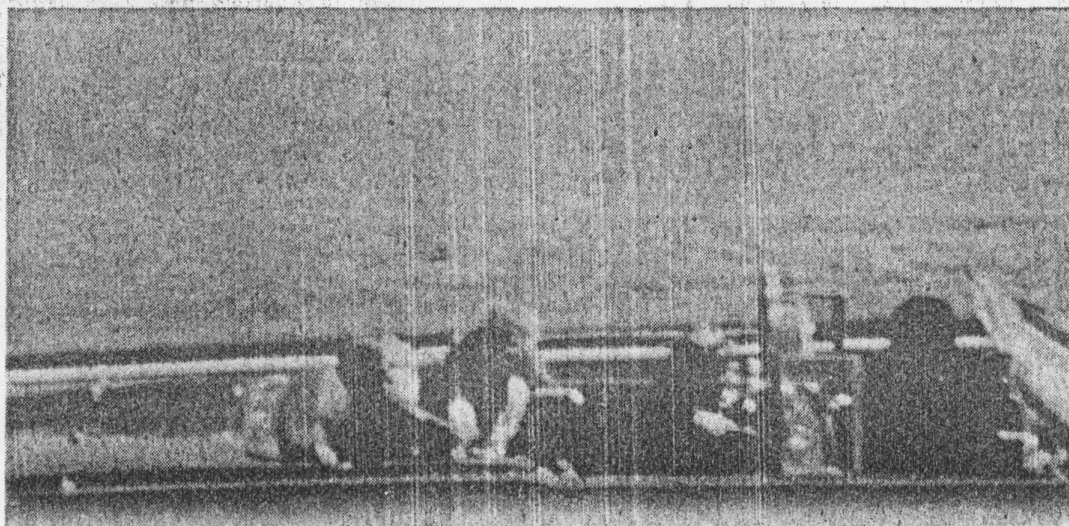
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Mr. Groden failed however, to name where he had gotten the film in the first place and he explained that "a lot of people could be injured by this," if the information were released.

The film was first shown at a Georgetown University Convention in 1973, but the incident received little public notice. He said that he was in danger at the time because so few knew about the film.

"There was more chance of my being hurt when just a few people knew about this than with millions of people knowing it," he said. "We had to do it very quietly, and we couldn't tell anyone about it. From the time that we planned to do it and the time that it was released was less than 24 hours."

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Groden Claims The Zapruder-Film Proves That Kennedy Was Shot From The Front As Well As The Back



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May 8, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Roland Elliott

FROM: Jay T. French

If the Counsel's reply to JFK letters is not adequate, you might contact Dave Belin on the CIA Commission. He has also developed a form response.

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Mr. Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500



Dear Ron:

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the formal statement that I released on November 22, 1975.

Sincerely,

David W. Belin

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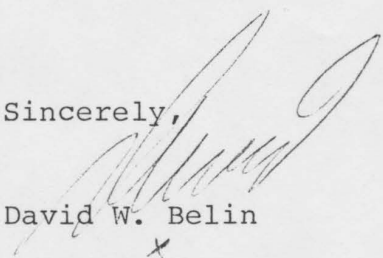
Mr. Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Ron:

Enclosed is a copy of my December, 1975, Strategy Paper. I would like to visit with you about this in the near future.

Best regards.

Sincerely,


David W. Belin

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PL 3-1/Kennedy,
PG 32

June 12, 1976

Dear Joe;

Thank you for your letter of June 10 requesting the President's opinion on the resolution which has been introduced in the House of Representatives to reopen the investigation of President Kennedy's assassination.

I shall be pleased to refer your letter to the appropriate officials for further handling.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Charles Leppert, Jr.
Deputy Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Joseph L. Fisher
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

CL./jm

✓ lcc: w/incoming to Phil Buchen for appropriate reply, w/copy to our office.

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JOSEPH L. FISHER
10TH DISTRICT, VIRGINIA

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June 10, 1976

Mr. Charles Leppard
Deputy Assistant to the President
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington D.C. 20500

JUN 11 1976

Dear Sir:

Recently, some of my colleagues in the House of Representatives introduced a resolution to reopen the investigation of President Kennedy's assassination. My office is currently engaged in examining this matter. Since President Ford served on the Warren Commission, I am interested in any opinions he may have on this subject.

Your assistance in this matter is most welcome.

Sincerely,

Joseph L. Fisher

Joseph L. Fisher
Member of Congress

JLF:ab

PLEASE REPLY TO:

809 West Broad Street
Falls Church, Virginia 22046



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July 2, 1976

EXECUTIVE-

JL 3-1/Kennedy
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Dear Mr. Fisher:

Recently you wrote a letter to Charles Leppert concerning the resolution which you and some of your colleagues have introduced in the House to reopen the investigation of President Kennedy's assassination.

Related to the same subject has been the study of the Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities which has resulted recently in a report concerning evidence developed in hearings of that Committee on the performance of the intelligence agencies in respect of the investigation of President Kennedy's assassination. I am now in the process of analyzing that report and will be presenting my analysis to the President.

It would be helpful if at the same time I could have a copy of the resolution mentioned in your letter. Then I shall better be able to respond further to your inquiry concerning this subject.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

The Honorable Joseph L. Fisher⁺
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

cc: Charles Leppert



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LETTER, MEMO, ETC.

TO:

FROM:

SUBJECT:

John Connor
Philip Bucher
*Requesting copy of the tape recording and for transcript of the communications between the White House communications center and *Div Force One on November 22, 1963*

**Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities*

**Reid, Dan*
Schweiker, Richard (Sen.)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 17, 1975

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FG 993

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Sincerely yours,

Philip W. Buchen

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Dick Gregory
Mr. Richard Popkin
Post Office Box 266
Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Post Office Box 266
Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360

EXECUTIVE

PC13-2/L*

TL3-1/King

January 12, 1976

Dear Mr. Mize:

President Ford has received your letter enclosing the copy of the resolution adopted by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. He appreciates your courtesy in bringing this expression of views to his attention.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott
Director of Correspondence



Mr. James S. Mize
Executive Officer
Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

cc: w/original incoming to Pat Delaney

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re Abernathy, mtg w/P



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 17, 1975

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FG 6-2

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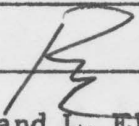


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TO: Jim Wilderott -

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Per discussion with
ROD HILLS.


Roland L. Elliott



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PMS GERALD FORD

WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON DC

WE WATCHED YOUR PRESS CONFERENCE THIS EVENING WITH DEEP CONCERN AND
A GREAT SENSE OF URGENCY. TWO OF YOUR ANSWERS MOVED US TO CABLE YOU
IMMEDIATELY AND GAVE US CONFIDENCE AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL FULLY
SHARE OUR GRAVE CONCERNS. YOU CLEARLY DEFINED THE ORIGINAL MANDATE OF
THE ROCKEFELLER COMMISSION AS THAT OF INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE
VIOLATIONS OF THE CIA CHARTER BY ILLICIT AND ILLEGAL DOMESTIC
ACTIVITIES. AND IN DECLINING PAST JUDGEMENT UPON THE ACTIONS AND
DECISIONS OF PREVIOUS PRESIDENTS, YOU SUGGESTED THAT FUTURE
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THE MOST ALANNING ITEMS WERE UNCOVERED. WE THEREFORE RESPECTIVELY URGENTLY AND CONFIDENTLY REQUEST THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLACE OUR INFORMATION IN YOUR HANDS AT YOUR EARLIEST POSSIBLE CONVENIENCE. IF IT IS YOUR CONSUL THAT OUR INFORMATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WE WILL ACCEPT YOUR JUDGMENT WITHOUT QUESTION AND AWAIT WORD FROM YOU CONCERNING WHEN WE MAY SEE HIM. RESPECTIVELY
DICK GREGORY AND RICHARD POPKIN

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February 6, 1976

EXECUTIVE
PB-1/K *

Dear Mr. Abernathy:

On behalf of the President, I wish to acknowledge the Mailgram which you and Mr. Joseph E. Lowery addressed to him on January 28 requesting a meeting to discuss a course of action to follow in light of the Senate and House Intelligence Committees' findings regarding domestic surveillance on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Due to his heavy schedule commitments, a meeting for you, Mr. Lowery and others of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference with the President is not possible. However, since the Attorney General's Office is currently reviewing this area of concern, we are forwarding your Mailgram to their attention.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

William W. Nicholson
Director
Scheduling Office



Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy^X
National President
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
334 Auburn Avenue, Northeast
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

cc and copy incmg to Attorney General's Office ^{sent} 2-10

Routed thru Mr. Buchen for notation before dispatch

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 4, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR

BILL NICHOLSON

THROUGH:

JACK MARSH *J.M.*
PHIL BUCHEN *P.B.*

FROM:

MIKE DUVAL *Mike*

SUBJECT:

REQUEST OF RALPH ABERNATHY TO
MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT CONCERNING
THE FBI SURVEILLANCE OF MARTIN
LUTHER KING

I recommend against the President meeting with Mr. Abernathy concerning the FBI surveillance of Dr. King.

This matter is currently under investigation by the Justice Department, and I believe it would be inappropriate for the President to discuss this, even in broad terms.

I recommend that Mr. Abernathy be referred to the Attorney General and that we ask Ed Levi to meet with him.



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THE WHITE HOUSE
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Bill-

Currently reviewing
this area of concern.

We have thanks for
your request to them.

Route thru: Buchen

We haven't heard from DuVal but
since Calhoun is so emphatic about
not doing this, shall we go ahead
and reply as suggested and refer
him to the A.G.?

then to
A.G.'s etc.

Perhaps the outgoing letter should
be routed through Buchen also.

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see yellow cy.

PLEASE ROUTE THROUGH MR. BUCHEN

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

EXECUTIVE
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February 2, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

WILLIAM NICHOLSON

FROM:

JOHN CALHOUN *J.C.*

SUBJECT:

Request of Ralph Abernathy of SCLC
to Meeting with the President to
Discuss Domestic Surveillance of
Dr. Martin L. King, Jr., and other
Matters

Under no circumstances should the President meet with Ralph Abernathy to discuss any matters relating to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Would recommend that his request be referred to the Attorney General since he is reviewing the issues raised with respect to FBI involvement.

Attachments



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 30, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

✓ MIKE DUVAL
JOHN CALHOUN

FROM:

WILLIAM NICHOLSON

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SUBJECT:

Request of Ralph Abernathy of SCLC to meeting
with the President to discuss domestic surveillance
of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. and other matters

I would appreciate your recommendations on how to handle the
attached request.

Thank you.



Req to meet with P about domestic surveillance
on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and a course of action
to follow in light of the Senate and House Intelligence
Committee's findings

Mail
50P EST

SCHEDULING ROUTING MEMO

Subject: _____ **Originator:** Ralph David
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____ W. Rustand _____ Lowery, Chmn of Bd of
____ Staff to: _____ the Southern Christian
____ _____ Leadership Conference

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WASHINGTON DC 20500

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OTHER _____

WE KNOW THAT YOU HAVE A TERRIBLY BUSY SCHEDULE, LEADING THIS NATION AND
FURNISHING LEADERSHIP FOR ALL OF THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD, BUT WE ARE
SURE THAT YOU ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEE'S
WORK DEALING WITH DOMESTIC SURVEILLANCE ON AMERICAN CITIZENS. IT IS
BECAUSE OF THESE COMMITTEE'S REPORTS ON THE SURVEILLANCE OF OUR FOUNDER
AND THE YOUNGEST NOBEL PEACE PRIZE LAUREATE, THE FIRST IN THE STATE OF
GEORGIA-DR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR-THAT WE REQUEST A MEETING WITH YOU AS
SOON AS YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE PERMITS. WE WOULD BRING WITH US THREE OTHER
PERSONS TO DISCUSS A COURSE OF ACTION IN LIGHT OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE
INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE'S FINDINGS

RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY NATIONAL PRESIDENT
AND JOSEPH E LOWERY CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
334 AUBURN AVE NORTHEAST
ATLANTA GA 30303

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December 3, 1975

Dear Mr. Gregory and Reverend Abernathy:

On behalf of the President, I would like to acknowledge your mailgram of December 2, 1975, concerning the reopening of the investigation of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King and other matters.

In the President's absence, I have referred your mailgram to the Attorney General, Edward Levi, for his personal attention and appropriate action.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

x
Mr. Dick Gregory
Reverend Ralph Abernathy
P. O. Box 266 x
Plymouth, Massachusetts 03260



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December 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE HONORABLE EDWARD H. LEVI
ATTORNEY GENERAL

SUBJECT: Mailgram to the President from
Mr. Dick Gregory and Reverend
Ralph Abernathy

The President was sent the attached mailgram from Dick Gregory and Reverend Abernathy requesting him to order the reopening of the investigation of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King and other matters.

You will note also that they request that protection be ordered for certain individuals who may be witnesses in this matter.

Although the President has not yet seen this mailgram, I know he will ask that you give it your immediate and personal attention, and that you take whatever action is appropriate under the circumstances.

I have advised Mr. Gregory and Reverend Abernathy that I have referred their mailgram to your attention.

Thank you.

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Attachment



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PRESIDENT GERALD FORD
1600 PENNSYLVANIA AVE
WASHINGTON DC 20500



DEAR MR PRESIDENT

IN LIGHT OF RECENT DISCLOSURES BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE REGARDING THE FBI HARRASSMENT OF DR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WE ARE CALLING UPON YOU TO ORDER THE REOPENING OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF DR KING. WE ASK YOUR COOPERATION IN A FULL AND OPEN HEARING OF ALL THE EVIDENCE BEFORE A PROPER CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE

ON JULY 3 1975 WE DELIVERED TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND TO THE FBI A DOCUMENT WRITTEN BY ROBERT BYRON WATSON IN WHICH HE CLAIMED TO HAVE OVERHEARD THE PLOT TO ASSASSINATE DR KING

WE FEEL CERTAIN THAT IF THIS DOCUMENT IS INVESTIGATED THOROUGHLY THAT IT WILL CLEARLY REVEAL THAT ONE MAN ALONE WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MURDER OF DR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

IT IS OUR FEELING THAT A THOROUGH AND OPEN INVESTIGATION WOULD LEAD TO THE DISCOVERY OF MR C H ANDREWS AKA R L WARREN RECENTLY INCARCERATED IN THE MIMICO CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTE IN TORONTO CANADA ANDREWS WHO BY HIS OWN ADMISSION WAS INVOLVED IN THE PLOT WHICH LED TO THE ASSASSINATION OF DR KING ON APRIL 4 1968 IN MEMPHIS TENNESSEE, ATTEMPTED SEVERAL YEARS AGO TO REVEAL THE DETAILS AND PARTICIPANTS IN THIS PLOT TO THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TENNESSEE. HIS EFFORTS TO DO SO WERE REJECTED. AT THAT TIME HE WAS WILLING TO MAKE KNOWN ALL THE DETAILS OF THE PLOT IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS IMMUNITY AGAINST PROSECUTION AND WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO DO THE SAME NOW.

WE CALL UPON YOU MR PRESIDENT TO ORDER PROTECTION FOR THE KEY WITNESSES IN THIS CASE AND TO REQUEST A NEW TRIAL FOR JAMES EARL RAY WHO HAS BEEN TRYING TO TELL HIS STORY EVER SINCE HIS CONVICTION BUT HAS BEEN DENIED THE RIGHT TO DO SO.

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT WITNESSES ROBERT BYRON WATSON IS CURRENTLY INCARCERATED IN THE FEDERAL PRISON AT ASHLAND KENTUCKY 41101. INFORMATION WHICH HAS RECENTLY COME TO OUR ATTENTION INDICATES THAT HIS LIFE AND SAFETY MAY BE IN GRAVE DANGER. WE ASK THAT HIS PROTECTION BE URGENTLY SECURED.

STATE LEGISLATOR HOSEA L WILLIAMS OF GEORGIA HAS BEEN UNDULY HARRASSED EVER SINCE HE BECAME INVOLVED WITH US IN THE PURSUIT OF THE TRUTH ABOUT

THE ASSASSINATION OF DR KING. WE ASK THAT YOU DIRECT SOMEONE TO REVIEW THE CASE AGAINST MR WILLIAMS PENDING NOW WHEREIN HE HAS BEEN INDICTED AS A FELON FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.

IN THE SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING WE ARE THANKFUL ALONG WITH COUNTLESS MILLIONS OF PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD FOR THE LEADERSHIP AND DEVOTION TO PEACE AND NONVIOLENCE THAT DR MARTIN LUTHER KING GAVE US. WE ARE SHOCKED AND OUTRAGED AT THE MAGNITUDE OF PERSONAL INTIMIDATION HARASSMENT AND DENIAL OF INDIVIDUAL CIVIL RIGHTS DIRECTED AT THE LATE DR KING BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

WE ARE ASKING YOU MR PRESIDENT IN THAT SAME SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING TO INVITE THE FAMILY OF THE LATE DR KING TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND PUBLICLY EXTEND AN APOLOGY TO THEM FOR THESE VIOLATIONS OF DR KING'S INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS.

WE ASK THAT YOU CALL FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE FBI TO MAKE AN APOLOGY TO DR KING'S FAMILY FOR THESE ABUSES AS WELL.

WE WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A MOST WARM AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
RESPECTFULLY YOURS

DICK GREGORY AND REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY

17:55 EST

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Town of Glenarden

March 12, 1976

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KING, Martin Luther

Dear Mayor James:

President Ford has received your letter enclosing the copy of the resolution adopted by the Glenarden Town Council. He appreciates your courtesy in bringing this expression of views to his attention.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott
Director of Correspondence



The Honorable Henry N. James
Mayor
Town of Glenarden
Municipal Hall
8600 Glenarden Parkway
Glenarden, Maryland 20801

cc: w/orig. incoming to Pat Delaney *sent*
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JL3-1/King, Martin L.

March 24, 1976

Dear Mr. Williams:

President Ford has received your letter enclosing the copy of the resolution adopted by the Council of the District of Columbia. He appreciates your courtesy in bringing this expression of views to his attention.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott
Director of Correspondence



Mr. Robert A. Williams
Secretary to the Council
Council of the District of Columbia
Washington, D.C. 20004

cc: w/original incoming to Pat Delaney
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BY

CHARLES E. PADILLA

SANTIAGO, CHILE (UPI) -- CHILE'S MILITARY GOVERNMENT SATURDAY EXPRESSED "CONCERN" OVER A REPUGNANT SERVICE AND PROTEST MARCH PLANNED IN WASHINGTON SUNDAY HONORING ORLANDO LETELIER, THE FORMER CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER ASSASSINATED IN BOMB EXPLOSIONS FOUR DAYS AGO.

THE GOVERNMENT RELEASED THE TEXT OF A NOTE IT SAID WAS HANDED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON SATURDAY BY CHILEAN AMBASSADOR MANUEL TRUCCO.

THE CHILEAN NOTE EXPRESSED "CONCERN AT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PARTICIPATION OF HORTENSIA BUSSI AS A SPEAKER IN A MASS AT ST. MATTHEWS CATHEDRAL, FOLLOWING A MARCH WHICH HAS ALL THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A MASS POLITICAL MEETING."

HORTENSIA BUSSI, WIDOW OF LATE PRESIDENT SALVADOR ALLENDE, HAS BEEN IN EXILE SHORTLY AFTER THE 1973 COUP AND ACTIVELY CAMPAIGNING AGAINST THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

LETELIER, 44, A PROMINENT MEMBER OF ALLENDE'S LEFTIST GOVERNMENT, WAS KILLED TUESDAY WHEN A BOMB RIPPED APART HIS CAR WHICH WAS MOVING THROUGH WASHINGTON'S EMBASSY ROW AREA. LETELIER'S ASSISTANT WAS ALSO KILLED IN THE BOMBING AND HER HUSBAND WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED.

THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT HAS EXPRESSED INDIGNATION OVER THE KILLING.

THE NOTE ALSO EXPRESSED "GRAVE WORRIES" OVER THE AUTHORIZATION OF A DEMONSTRATION MARCH "WHICH, IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE, DOES NOT AGREE WITH THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN BOTH NATIONS."

IT HAD BEEN AMPLY DEMONSTRATED THAT THE MARCH WAS A "POLITICAL ACT" IN WHICH THERE WOULD BE PROTESTS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE, THE NOTE SAID.

"THE STAGING OF THESE DEMONSTRATIONS CONSTITUTES A GENUINE INCITEMENT AGAINST CHILE AND CHILEAN-NORTH AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP, AGAINST THE PHYSICAL INTEGRITY OF THE CHILEAN REPRESENTATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE PROPERTY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE IN THAT NATION," THE NOTE STATED.

THE DEMONSTRATION WAS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN FRONT OF THE CHILEAN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AND END AT ST. MATTHEWS CATHEDRAL NEAR THE CHATEAU D'ORLÉANS. "THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE DOES NOT FORESEE," THE NOTE SAID.

THE NOTE REITERATED THE CHILEAN AMBASSADOR'S EARLIER CALL FOR A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF LETELIER'S ASSASSINATION.

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June 23, 1976

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Dear Ed:

This will acknowledge receipt and thank you for your June 18 letter to the President urging that immediate punishment be demanded for the assassins of Ambassador Francis E. Meloy, Jr., and Economic Counselor Robert O. Waring and their driver.

Please be assured I shall call your letter to the President's attention at the earliest opportunity.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Charles Leppert, Jr.
Deputy Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Edward P. Beard
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to General Scowcroft for your information

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June 18, 1976

Mr=
The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The recent assassinations of the United States Ambassador to Lebanon, Francis E. Meloy, Jr. and two members of his staff is an outrageous and heinous crime.

I urge you to demand immediate punishment of their murderers from the government of Lebanon.

Sincerely,


Edward P. Beard
Member of Congress

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Dear Mr. President:

Washington, D. C.
The White House
The President

June 18, 1976

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The White House
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July 27, 1976

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Dear Ham:

It is always good to hear from you and I want to thank you for your recent letter letting me know your views on the tragic and difficult situation in Lebanon.

FRANCIS E. ^{Robert O.} With regard to the brutal and senseless murders of Ambassador Meloy, Mr. Waring and their driver, I have directed that all concerned agencies of the Government make every effort to identify the assassins and their affiliation so that they may be brought to justice. We have repeatedly made known to interested governments our view that the perpetrators should receive at the earliest possible moment the severest punishment for the killings.

The deaths of Ambassador Meloy and Mr. Waring underline the urgent need to find a solution to the Lebanese crisis. We are pursuing by all diplomatic and other peaceful means our efforts to preserve Lebanon's independence, territorial integrity, and national unity. At the same time, we are doing our best to ensure the safety of American citizens still in Lebanon.

With best regards and appreciation for your support,

JERRY FORD

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 The Honorable Hamilton Fish
 Room 601
 11 West Forty-second Street
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Death of Ambassador Meloy, Mr. Waring and driver in Lebanon

CLEARANCE FOR PRESIDENTIAL SIGNATURE

Date: 7/27/76

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VIA:

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THROUGH:

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 26, 1976

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With best regards and appreciation for your support,

The President
Room 5652
11 West Forty-second Street
New York, New York 10036



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July 28, 1976

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HAMILTON FISH
11 WEST 42ND STREET, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10036, ROOM 601
TELEPHONE: (212) 354-1833

June 17, 1976

Hon. Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

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As one of your supporters in the Presidential primaries, I strongly urge you to cable the President of Lebanon, the Prime Minister and the Minister of Internal Affairs along the following lines:

On behalf of the American people, greatly shocked and resentful at the murder of the American Ambassador to Lebanon and members of his staff. I respectfully urge the immediate arrest and trial of the assassins, wherever they may be.

And signed by you as the President of the United States, and released to the Associated Press and to the foreign press.

I remember the action taken by President Theodore Roosevelt when an American citizen was kidnapped in Morocco. He cabled the head of the government of Morocco--I want Perdecaras alive, or Razuli dead.

Failure to take a definite and strong stand now would be disastrous to our prestige throughout the world and to your own party at home.

With kind regards and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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Amb. Meloy's brother
writes to Pres.

Dear Mr. Meloy:

I deeply appreciated your kind and thoughtful letter.

EXECUTIVE

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Although we can never forget the brutal and senseless act which claimed your brother's life, we will always also have other memories--memories of a ~~sublime and~~ selfless, ~~man whose~~ dedicated, and courageous man who served his country with honor and distinction. Throughout his long and ~~distinguished~~ fruitful career, ~~he~~ ^(Ambassador Meloy, Francis) set an example of distinguished public service in which free men everywhere can take great and lasting pride.

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I know that this is a difficult time for you and the other members of your family. Thus, I am especially grateful to you for your kind words of sympathy which you may be sure I will pass on ~~to~~ to Mrs. King.

Sincerely,

Mr. Daniel J. Meloy
44 Gramercy Park North
New York, New York 10010

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Daniel J. Meloy, 52, Dies, Served State in Japan

Daniel J. Meloy, 52, a former Foreign Service officer and resident of Washington, died of a heart attack Friday while swimming off the coast of Yucatan.

He was the brother of the late Francis E. Meloy Jr., who was kidnaped and murdered last June while serving as U.S. ambassador to Lebanon.

Molly L. Fitch, Was CIO Chief's Secretary Here

Molly Lynch Fitch, 65, who was secretary to the late Philip Murray, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, died of cancer Jan. 2 at Georgetown University Hospital.

Born in Pittsburgh, Mrs. Fitch was a legal secretary at CIO headquarters here when Mr. Murray was elected president in 1940. She served as his secretary until his death in 1952.

She became the Washington secretary to David J. ...

Daniel Meloy had joined the Foreign Service in 1949. He was a specialist in Japanese affairs and spent much of his career in Japan with intermittent assignments at the State Department here.

He had left the Foreign Service recently. At the time of his death he was a consultant for a Japanese Bank in New York and other Japanese and American firms.

Born in Washington, Mr. Meloy was a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School and Oberlin College. He later studied at Harvard Business School, the University of Colorado, George Washington University and the University of Paris.

During World War II, he served as a lieutenant with the Navy in the Pacific. He was present at the surrender of Japan and was attached to Gen. MacArthur's staff during the early part of the occupation of Japan.

Mr. Meloy then worked for the State Department and the Central Intelligence Agency.

There are no immediate survivors.

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C/S-2A

New York

December 21, 1976

Dear Mr. President,

I would like to thank you, and to thank Mrs. Ford, too, both for myself and for the remaining members of my family, for your message of sympathy, your presence at Andrews Air Force Base, your flowers sent to the National Cathedral, and for the honors and courtesies bestowed in June by our Government on my late brother, Francis Edward Meloy, Jr. The months since his death have been sad and difficult ones, with many doubts, and many questions yet unanswered. But a consolation without which these past months would have been even more difficult is the thought that in performing his duties in Beirut and in meeting death there, my brother was proud of you.

I know of your own recent bereavement and would like to assure you of my real and deep sympathy.

Sincerely,

Daniel Meloy

EXECUTIVE

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513-1/Wallace,
George

January 21, 1976

Dear Mr. Cervase:

Dear Mr. Cervase:

This is in response to your letter dated January 8, 1976, in which you requested "a copy of the White House tape or a transcript of that tape which was made on the night that Arthur Bremmer shot Governor Wallace in Maryland." Your request is based on the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

The White House Office is not believed to be an agency for the purposes of this Act and is, therefore, not subject to its mandatory disclosure provisions. In addition, the White House is presently subject to the Order of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, entered October 21, 1974, as amended, in Nixon v. Sampson, et al., Civil Action No. 74-1518, which prohibits the disclosure of the contents of the "Presidential materials of the Nixon Administration". For these reasons, your request is hereby denied.

In addition, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your January 9 correspondence to the Justice Department for appropriate consideration.

Sincerely,

Barry N. Roth
Assistant Counsel



Mr. John Cervase
423 Ridge Street
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DATE: March 16, 1976

TO : SAIC Keiser - Presidential Protective
Division

FROM : SAIC Mastrovito - Intelligence Division

SUBJECT: Alleged Cuban Assassination Plot

On March 4, 1976, the Federal Bureau of Investigation advised the Secret Service that the San Francisco FBI Office had obtained information concerning an alleged plot to assassinate President Ford and former Governor Ronald Reagan at the Republican National Convention in Kansas City. The FBI indicated that the source of the information was an individual who was known to have been associated with terrorist activities in California. In addition to the above allegation, which could not immediately be either refuted or substantiated, the source provided information, which was known to be true, concerning himself and his associates. The alleged plot reportedly involved a high-ranking Cuban guerrilla leader acting upon orders from Fidel Castro and several individuals from the West Coast, including the source.

A joint investigation by the FBI and Secret Service has failed to verify the existence of such a plot. On March 15, 1976, the Secret Service in San Francisco reinterviewed the source. He admitted that he had fabricated the plot in order to impress investigators. The Secret Service investigation concerning the source and the persons he named continues in order to determine the degree of danger these individuals present to persons under the protection of the Secret Service.



James M. Mastrovito
James M. Mastrovito
Special Agent in Charge



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